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Director  
Bureau of the Budget  
State Building  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

In furtherance of our request for the transfer of the Civilian Production Administration library material, together with certain of their personnel to the Central Intelligence Group, it is requested that consideration be given to the following points by which it is desired to emphasize the vital need by the Central Intelligence Group for this transfer:

1. This library is composed of about 72,000 volumes and documents many of which will have to be purchased for the CIG Reference Center in the very near future as standard reference works unless otherwise available through some source such as the CPA library.

2. The CPA library includes a large number of statistical volumes on foreign areas. These would be invaluable basic documents in preparation of estimates and summary reports by the Office of Reports and Estimates, CIG. Many of these volumes are now out of print and will be well-nigh impossible to obtain in any other way.

3. The CIG Reference Center is right now initiating plans for the establishment of a reference room and reference files for CIG. The CPA library materials are organized, classified and completely catalogued as a reference library and would perfectly fit our needs at this time. By absorbing such a unit with a number of the more responsible members of the staff the CIG Reference Center would save extensive numbers of man-hours, which would have to be put forth under other conditions in the classification, cataloging and filing of similar reference materials.

4. It was estimated by members of the staff of the Office of Reports and Estimates, who visited the CPA library, that the purchase of similar materials from private sources outside the government would cost the government well in excess of \$50,000.00.

5. The CIG Reference Center is moving into new space by the end of March, at which time the CPA library will become available. In our new space in "M" Building, there will be sufficient accommodations for housing the reference library of CPA.

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6. The CPA budget man - Mr. Andrew J. Homshick, the [REDACTED] and Mr. John E. Fitzgerald stated individually in order to retain the greatest value within the government of the initial cost, that this library should be taken over as a unit with all of its related economic and social documents.

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7. The CIG Reference Center is being established to serve the CIG and its member agencies as they have need to use such services. The effort will be made in the Reference Center to maintain accurate cardings on the location of special files, documents and intelligence materials so that the Research or Intelligence Officers would be going to one source to locate the materials relative to a problem that would exist throughout the government. This would eliminate extensive searching and waste of man-hours on the part of such officers, if this library is maintained in one spot.

8. The CIG Reference Center anticipates taking over key personnel at present operating in the CPA library. By doing this, it is expected that the CPA library will be turned over to CIG with a minimum loss of operating days and will be running smoothly in a very short time. In this manner, it is felt that the library will continue serving the United States Government efficiently.

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